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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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The Israeli Occupation Violates Prisoners' Health Rights Through the Following:

1. The Israeli occupation explicitly violates the International Humanitarian laws that urge providing necessary treatment for sick prisoners.
2. The Israeli occupation practices homicide outside the law by leaving the injured bleed to death, without providing first aid to them or even taking them to hospital.
3. The Israeli occupation practiced field investigation with the wounded prisoners who had been wounded with live bullets instead of providing the necessary treatment.
4. The Israeli occupation doesn't usually do periodic examinations to detect diseases that many prisoners might infected of, to spread diseases intentionally among them and to make it difficult to be healed.
5. The Israeli occupation tries to slowly kill prisoners by using medical negligence intentionally and leave prisoners exposed to deadly diseases, which makes their health worse over time.
6. Al-Ramla prison's hospital is not suitable as a hospital and the occupation practices all suppression forms, abuse and disregard inside it.
7. Occupation doctors give wrong medicine to prisoners deliberately.
8. The occupation bears full responsibility for the deaths that have been inside prisons, as well as the deaths, even after leaving the prison as a result of diseases they had suffered during their imprisonment time.
9. The Israeli occupation is the world's only entity in which doctors torture and blackmail prisoners.
10. Prison clinics lack to specialized medical staff. Some prisons do not have doctors and the doctors in prisons are general practitioners.
11. Clinics lack necessary medical equipment for examining prisoners and there is a lack for assistive equipment for examining prisoners with special needs.
12. Some indicates that the occupation doctors have been experimenting drugs on prisoners and this was assured by some Israeli officials.
13. The occupation bears full responsibility for some dangerous diseases that plagued among the released detainees, as a result of bad conditions that prisoners had experienced inside prisons , as well as the medication given to them, all that caused them bad health conditions after their release.

We Demand the Following:

1- Serious pursuit is needed to have Al-Ramla prison hospital closed and the need to force the occupation to transfer the sick prisoners to other hospitals for giving them a better health service.
2- To make the occupation provide medical care for sick and injured prisoners throughout the Israeli prisons according to the International law.
3- Prepare sick prisoners files, who were exposed to negligence in prisons or have had permanent disabilities and to send those files to International Criminal Court (ICC)
4- Force the prisoners' doctors to commit to practiced professional manners by medical institutes and syndicates and especially practiced by WHO and Doctors Without borders medical group, and to prevent those doctors from working or practicing under the occupation's law.
5- Examine all prisoners, particularly those who are over 45 years old, as well as, those who suffer from genetic diseases, cancer and hepatitis.
6- Conduct periodic tests twice of those who are 40 years old and those who spent 5 years in prison.
7- The necessity of providing ambulance vehicles to transfer the sick prisoners from the prison to the hospital.
8- Prepare medical form filled by prisoner's chronic diseases' lawyers to follow up their health status and to make sure that doctors follow up and work according to these forms when treating patients.
9- Work on releasing the sick prisoners with serious diseases that imprisonment is considered a very great risk to their lives.
10- Conduct medical surgeries to those who need surgery from a long time.
11- Provide needed medical equipment and medications.
12- In co-operation with Human rights group to provide assistive equipment, especially wheelchairs, crutches, glasses and artificial limbs.

(Statement is prepared by international Solidarity Campaign Supporting Prisoners and detainees in the Israeli occupation jails "TADAMON")